

REMARKS:

In item 6 of the office action summary, the Examiner indicates that claims 24 through 28 and 30 through 43 are rejected. In item 5, the Examiner indicates that claims 44 through 46 are allowed. However, on page 2 of the office action the Examiner indicates that claims 24 through 28 and 30 through 43 are allowed. This is also stated at the end of page 3, 2nd to last paragraph. Claims 44 through 46 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kaiser `523. In view of the fact that the substance of the office action does not provide reasoning for rejection of claims 24 through 28 and 30 through 43 but does provide argumentation for the rejection of claims 44 through 46, the applicant interprets the disposition of claims in the office action summary to be an obvious typographical error, wherein claims 44 through 46 are rejected and claims 24 through 28 and 30 through 43 are allowed.

The Examiner has suggested an amendment to claim 44 which would place that claim in a position of allowance. In response thereto, the applicant has amended claim 44 in the manner suggested by the Examiner. Claim 44 is therefore allowable. Claims 45 and 46 inherit the limitations of allowable claim 44 and are therefore also allowable.

The applicant submits that this amendment is fully responsive to all remaining issues in this case and clearly places the application into a position of allowance. Entry of amendment and passage to issuance is therefore respectfully requested.

No new matter has been added in this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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